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## The Sin of Meroz.

Somewhere in Palestine in the time of the Judges we know not where, was a city called Meroz. For twenty years the land had suffered from the oppression of the Canaanite. A crusade having been inaugurated against the oppressor by Deborah and Barak, a trumpet call was made to every patriot of Israel to join in the struggle for freedom. The people rallied, Jehovah leading, and the glorious victory was won. In the song of triumph which followed a terrible curse was pronounced upon the inhabitants of Meroz because they came not up to the help of the Lord in the deliverance of his people. There was no charge of treachery, no accusation of collusion with the enemy, no violation of the country's laws, but a simple refusal to help in time of crisis, is assigned as a ground for this bitter curse. We are not told in what the curse consisted, but utter extermination must have been included, since all we know of Meroz today is this curse, pronounced upon her inhabitants for doing nothing.

If Meroz was destroyed some of the inhabitants must have escaped, for the Merozite family is quite extensive in the earth today. We find some of them in every church. They are marked by their negative conception of the obligations of life. They are so good that they are good for nothing. With them goodness consists in harmlessness and finds its ideal in the woman who said she would be satisfied if she could only be as good as Aunt Sally who never harmed anybody in her life. When these Merozites get in the church they regard themselves as first class members, if they can only keep from committing any of the out breaking sins. It is of no importance to them whether any positive good is done or not, if they can only succeed in refraining from doing harm. It is of little consequence to them whether the pastor is paid, or the world evangelized, or evil overcome. They seem only to have read the "thou shalt nots" of the divine law conceiving of man's whole duty as obedience to prohibitions. They have overlooked the summary of the decalogue locked up in the little word love which converts the law into positive rather than negative commands. The command, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" if obeyed would swallow up all the prohibitions of the law so that they would never be heard of. Overt transgression could never be reached save by the way of the sin of Meroz. The broad land of commission lies beyond the field of omission. The road to flagrant violation of God's law lies hard by Meroz, the capital

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of the do-nothing sinners. Mother Eve would never have disobeyed the prohibition to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil if she had not first failed to believe God. That awful chapter in the life of David would never have been written had he not been at home in idleness and his own army at the front at the time of the year when *kings* went forth to war.

If the Merozites' curse seems severe, remember that it was at a time of crisis. He who stands idly by when the interests for which he professes to stand are imperilled and offers no helping hand well deserves the contempt of men and the condemnation of Jehovah. The reader of history will never forgive Napoleon's marshal for withholding his help in the crisis of Waterloo. Not less contemptible is he who professes to be on the Lord's side and yet when some great contest for righteousness is on, stands aloof without contributing a farthing of influence or help.

We do not have far to go to find our Lord's estimate of this species of sin. He pronounced a curse on the barren fig tree not because it bore defective fruit but because it bore none at all. The man who wrapped his talent in the napkin was cast into outer darkness, not because he made a poor investment, but, because he made none at all. He did nothing. In that sublime picture of the last judgment given in Matthew twenty-fifth chapter, the ground of condemnation is, "Inasmuch as ye did it not." The do nothing sinner is the most hopeless of all because he locks himself in the stronghold of sin and throws away the only key that will unlock the door. Possibly the most common form of this sin is the refusal to believe in God's Son. "He that believeth not hath been judged, already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God."

W. F. YARBOROUGH

## The Jerusalem Convention.

The fourth meeting of the world's Sunday-school Convention will be held in the city of Jerusalem on April 18, 19, 20.

The Committee on management (of which Mr. W. N. Hartshorn of Boston, once superintendent of the world famous Ruggles Street Baptist Sunday school, is Treasurer), has chartered the "Grosser Kurfurst," a magnificent twin-screw steamer of the North German Lloyd Line. This steamer will be the home of the party during the cruise, except the days spent in the Holy land and in a few cities inland.

The party will sail from New York on March 8, and return May 18. On March 16, a stop of a day will be made at Madeira Island, and March 19 Gibraltar will

be reached. The principal cities and countries of the Mediterranean will be visited and several days will be spent with guides in Constantinople, Cairo, Athens, Naples and Rome. Seventeen days, including the Convention will be given Jerusalem and Palestine including side trips with guides to Samaria, Galilee, the Jordan, Dead Sea, and all places of interest to the Bible Student. The plans for taking the convention to Jerusalem are for the primary purpose of increasing the Sunday-school Teacher's love for the Bible and strengthening his faith.

The four will be under the personal management of Mr. Herbert E. Clark, present U. S. Consul and resident of Palestine for thirty-six years.

There will be more than eight hundred delegates from America, and a large delegation from England and Europe, including many missionaries. The missionary feature of the Convention will be prominent. The foreign delegation will join the party at Gibraltar. The American delegation will be composed of ministerial and lay workers, including almost all the international and State Secretaries with many provincial workers. The trip will afford a magnificent opportunity for acquaintance and fellowship.

Going over, the days will be given to study and discussion. America's most able teachers of teachers will speak on Bible Geography and History especially centering around the places to be visited. The choir for the Convention will be trained en route. A Manual of Worship is being prepared by competent directors which will include, beside standard hymns, special music for meetings or sessions of the Convention to be held at Mar's Hill, Sea of Galilee, Hills of Bethlehem, Abraham's Oak, Olivet, Bethany, Calvary, and the Jordan. Another feature will be a series of complete service arranged, such as a praise service, a service of prayer, another of thanksgiving, and so on.

Mississippi has registered twelve delegates; Alabama, four; Louisiana, five; Georgia, three. Ohio heads the list with forty-six; New York follows with forty.

The remaining births range in price from \$500 to \$7.00. For information write E. K. Warren, Three Oaks, Michigan.

L. P. LEAVELL, Field Sec.

Evangelist Frank M. Wells, of Memphis, Tenn., closed a twelve days' meeting with the First Baptist Church at Kenton, Ohio, with four accessions and the church much revived. The saloon keepers and Catholics became very angry with Chaplain Wells because he preached against rum and Romanism.

Brave Little Holland.  
BY JOHN T. CHRISTIAN, D. D.

To the novice in foreign travel, and to the traveled person alike, Holland is a country full of interest and quaint novelty and in many respects the most wonderful under the sun. Until lately it was left unheeded and unvisited while men passed by through Belgium to the French Frontiers. They little realized what a fund of information and amusement lay unheeded within a few miles of them.

Like lower Egypt much of Holland is a Delta, parts of which are twenty and even thirty feet below the ocean. The wild waves of the North Sea have been literally walled out by dykes, huge ramparts with foundations forty and fifty yards wide, and with elevations often attaining thirty six feet which are among the wonders of the world. The sea has been made to obey the command of Canute, although up to the last century

"Still his claims the injured ocean laid  
And oft at leap-frog over their steeples played.  
The fish oft times the burgher dispossessed  
And sat, pot a meat, but as a guest."

Holland has been termed "the little bungalow country" all on one floor. It costs the inhabitants three million dollars a year to keep it above the waves, or more correctly speaking, the waves above it. So soon as the people cease pumping they commence drowning. Just imagine a country where the frog croaking above the bullrushes looks down upon the swallow upon the housetops, and where the ships float high above the chimneys of the houses.

Napoleon laid claim to Holland on the comical plea that it was a land robbed from other countries which were his by right of conquest, for what earth there is was deposited by rivers at their mouths, bit by bit as a swallow builds her nest.

Fancy a country where students are trained in college to fight against the water, as other countries train soldiers to fight against each other; and where the people are compelled to wage perpetual battle, not only against the sea which is forever attempting to get in, but against rivers, which are just as eager to get out.

If we could only look upon this country from some high mountain peak, what a curious spectacle would greet our vision. We would see miles upon miles of canals stretching their shining length in every direction. Barges laden with merchandise or with passengers smoothly gliding along them, drawn by lazy horses on a tow-path, or drawn perchance by the farmer assistant frau and fraulein; and others in the city gorgeously painted and gilded, moving up and down among the houses, or hitched like horses to the door posts of the owners. Picturesque old houses, very much out of perpendicular, leaning like drunken men in every direction, churches with quaint steeples and towers and with gilded weathercocks glittering in the sun, trees clipped into the most fantastic shapes, with their stems painted in various bright

colors, busy quays with tall trees alongside which ships with tall masts are being loaded and unloaded.

Dogs are harnessed to carts containing brightly burnished milk cans, bowls of fresh water, or loads of peat, for strange to say, in this bizarre land where water is so abundant, there is scarcely any fit to drink, and where earth is about the rarest article they burn it for fuel.

In the country we see picturesque farm houses with overhanging roofs, built on stilts, which gives them the appearance of huge toad stools. In the lovely green fields herds of black and white cattle quietly cropping the moist grass, growing on rich pasture lands, which were, many of them, lakes before these energetic Dutchmen pumped them dry. We see wagons of antiquated structure drawn along the roads which traverse the immense "dykes," high above the surrounding country, and men with very short waists and very wide knickerbockers and large wooden shoes, working and smoking, below in the fields.

Another characteristic of Holland is found in the Dunes. These are great lines of sand hills stretching along the coasts and serving like the dyke to repel the encroachments of the sea. Much has been written concerning the marshy and humid nature of the soil of Holland, and of the unhealthy effects that these conditions have upon the climate, certainly heavy fogs are frequently blown across the land with very disagreeable effects, but the mean temperature is not lower than that of England taking it all the year around, though the winters are much colder and more disagreeable.

Ten thousand windmills swinging their arms all over the land, and the caroling of a hundred steeples filling the air with their melodies, flourish as a prosperous and useful factor in the work-a-day world, lifting great quantities of water, grinding produce of various kinds and turning and twisting in the breeze with a jovial "plenty-to-do" sort of expression which has an air of permanence about it. They are natty and well cared for, some of them of great size and very solidly built; the windows are hung with bright curtains of many colors. Many of them are thatched and furnished with a gallery running around the building like a balcony.

From Amsterdam we went by yacht through the Zuyder Zee for a visit to the Island of Marken, which bravely manages to raise its head above the water. This island is inhabited by about one thousand fishermen. The customs of the Markenars are very quaint and primitive. They have resisted all outside influences and as they were centuries ago, so we find them today. The dress of the women is remarkably picturesque and singular. No other costume is like it, or even approaches its bizarre appearance. They are, however, like the balance of mortals in their desire to make money off of the foreigners who come among them; and one can easily imagine some of the devices to accomplish these very desirable results. One among the least is to offer to let you take their photographs at a consideration. The photographer in this instance pays for the privilege of doing the work.

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one hundred thousand inhabitants. The wars with England in Oliver Cromwell's time did the city great harm as well as the rest of Holland, and it is no great wonder that there was great rejoicing when they learned that he was dead; at the Hague they celebrated by illuminating the city.

The enforced union with France during the Napoleonic period likewise brought great misfortune upon Holland. King Louis Napoleon was a good natured, easy going king, but the great Napoleon was avaricious, and country and city were mulched of men and money for this modern Caesar's wars. On the fall of Napoleon the commerce and prosperity of Amsterdam rose afresh, and the city has ever since thrived exceedingly. The chief attractions are to be found in the fine museums and collections of arts, but every part of the city is full of interest—it is quaint and original and picturesque. "As good as Venice," says Thackeray. Many of the houses are considerably out of perpendicular, leaning backwards, forwards and against each other, as if the centuries which have elapsed since the foundations of the city were made, had bred in them a desire for a closer and more affectionate acquaintance.

The Royal Palace, erected in 1648 stands on a foundation of 16,650 piles. The interior is magnificently decorated especially the grand, lofty Reception Hall, said to be one of the finest in Europe. It was arranged by King Louis Napoleon, who lived there in 1808.

Ryk's museum is the pride of the whole Netherlands. It contains among its pictures, master pieces collected from various parts of Holland. The parks, promenades, quays, dykes and docks display scenes of busy life. Diamond cutting is a great local industry.

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Watchman, What of the Night?

The new year opens auspiciously on our work. We have not collected quite all of the subscriptions made at Yazoo City for our church building at Rosedale. The few that have not paid write me that they will send on theirs shortly. The house will be completed in a few weeks, and as pretty

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a house as can be found in the State costing \$1,850.00. It is being built by that thorough Christian gentleman, Bro. H. N. Alexander of Greenville, who gives us one hundred dollars, or rather gave it before he knew that he would have the contract.

I am sorry to say however that I lack four hundred dollars of having enough in sight with which to pay for it. I say this that any brother or sister or pastor who will feel his heart moving with compassion towards this cause may know where he might put a few dollars in a church building that will be helpful to the work of our Lord long after his body has moldered to its mother clay. I asked a number of our pastors to simply read a little letter that I sent them a few weeks ago to their congregations regarding this enterprise. I do not know how many did as I requested, but I got several responses indicating that some of them had done it. If any of the pastors have those little letters stuck away in their coat pockets, may I ask that you will resurrect them, and just let your people know that we are building such a house, and that if they would like to help, well—well Bro. Rowe would be so glad to have them do it. We are going to give that house to the Lord in the name of the Baptists of the State of Mississippi, and we want the name of every one interested in such work to put his or her name in thereby helping us. The Rosedale people have given close to one-third of all that is now in sight, and that too when we have no organization there.

What are the works in Missions, I am asked every day.

The book shows to Jan. 15, our mission receipts to be \$345.00 ahead of last year, while our Church Building receipts are \$829.00 ahead, and Sustentation shows receipts of \$215.00 ahead, making a total in these funds of \$1,387.00 advance over last year.

The moving is now on our people for the swelling of mission receipts. Vicksburg sends greetings to Foreign Missions with \$9.25, while Canton sings in a higher note than before by 1-4 advanced, and Clinton has shaken off the help of Convention Board, does their own paying for their own preaching at a cost to themselves of \$400.00 more than ever and then put into State Missions and Church Building as a testimonial of what a church can do when the Spirit is on \$200.00. I do not recall a more general collection than the one in which this record was made.

Surely with object lessons like these before them the generation of boys and girls that go away from the halls of education at Clinton will speak as loudly for their church training as for their school training. And this is what we want. Over in the East is the moving also to be seen, for this check from Pastor Smoot of Okolona is nearly three times for S. M., what it was last year, while the neighboring pastor at Tupelo sends his check with smiling face for Home Missions and this also in larger numbers. Mars Hill is a famous place in Mississippi as well as in Athens. Paul preached a great sermon on the lat-

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ter, but a disciple of Paul scarcely less strenuous, preaches at the former, and takes Mission collections. The last rounded out \$34.65 and along with this \$10.00 for the old preachers.

A young fellow with initials H. H. W. is pastor of a country church, and he and they are especially happy at the S. M. collection of \$41.50, and this is more than double any former effort. Ah, this is the way to double our work, let a man get it on his heart, and never rest until he gets it on the heart of the church. I congratulate old Union and the young pastor. Pastor Moore has bidden farewell to his old haunts, but before he left them at Harpersville, Lena and Friendship, true to his calling and profession he must have mission collections and they were all happy in giving \$75.40 to F. M. He is down among the pines now, but I know he will not forget his old habits in missions. I shall hardly know how to speak of Oxford without thinking of the good fare they have had there for these years, and how hard they are finding it to get as good again, but there is some of the aroma of former days with this check for \$79.30 to start the New Year on. Over at Columbus the grist is just as good as witness this check for \$59.30. Probably no church pursues a more even tenor of way than that at Greenwood. Ten years ago the beginning of 1894, the present 1904, what a change! Here we raise our Ebenezer, and praise God for his great goodness. Then no house to worship in even, a few faithful men and women, some of these now in the better land, a small congregation.

Now a church taking its own burdens without further help from our Board a beautiful pastor's home, a church fully in sympathy with every good work. Did you read the pastor's statement last week? Well here is the way they are still working along: Church Building fund, \$45.72, and Sustentation \$24.10. May their tribe increase.

I met a dear woman on the train, we met about the same time a year ago. The meeting then was in a Delta train, but the meeting the other day was in the hills. She said: I wondered if I would see you when I got on the train. Then I recalled the former meeting and \$20.00 that she put in my hands for missions, and it was not long before a like experience was had, and twenty dollars had changed hands for the same purpose. O my brethren and sisters, as I write these things, my heart overflows with love, for these are but the testimonials of your love to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, and I know how you long to see the King in His beauty, and until He shall say enough, come home, we will go along with his work the dearest and sweetest experience of our lives.

A. V. ROWE.

Rev. C. L. Wilson.

The above mentioned brother was ordained at Blue Mountain on the 4th Sunday of December. He is a son of Rev. J. L. Wilson, and a son-in-law of Rev. M. L.

Williams, of Water Valley. A part of last session he was a student in the Seminary. He is a young man of excellent moral and Christian character, and we look for good results from his work. All of his time is taken as pastor of churches in Tippah Association.

The ordaining presbytery was composed of Bro. W. E. Berry, Bro. J. L. Wilson, Bro. J. W. Collins, and J. N. McMillin. Bro. Berry conducted the examination, delivered the charge, and presented the Bible. Bro. Collins led in the ordination prayer and J. N. McMillin preached the sermon.

Blue Mountain church has sent out many young men into the ministry. Among the number may be mentioned E. L. Wesson, now of Texas, W. T. Lowrey, of Mississippi College, J. E. Buchanan, of Texas, J. N. McMillin, pastor at Blue Mountain.

May Bro. Wilson be more useful in his day and generation than any of these.

Fraternally,

J. N. M.

Blue Mountain, January, 11, 1904.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Central Association will be held with the Baptist church in Brandon, beginning on Friday evening, the 29th inst., at 7:30. Only one meeting will be held in the association this time. It is desired that as many of the brethren as can do so will attend this meeting, without having further notice of invitation. Practically, the same program will be followed at this meeting as that which was had at the Fifth Sunday meetings in November at Palestine and Providence and brethren will be expected to go to Brandon prepared to deliver addresses on the topic assigned them for the meetings in November. Go, brethren, and let us attempt to do great things for our Lord.

R. A. COHON.

My Work.

I am preaching this year to three churches, all in Yazoo county. Center Ridge on the first Sunday, Liverpool on the third Sunday, and Hebron on the second and fourth Sundays. We have just rounded up our collections for the Orphanage. Center Ridge \$10, Liverpool \$21.50, and Hebron \$75, making \$106.50.

I have good people, who are responsive to every call, and even do when their pastor does not call, for they pay up his salary and then won't quit. In the name and power of our Lord we hope to do much this year.

Yours in the work,  
B. A. McCULLOUGH.  
Clinton, Miss.

There were one hundred and seventy-five officers, teachers and scholars present in the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Gloster, Sunday, January 17, and in addition to this a few visitors. On that day the Sunday School began its Sunday School revival which is to last for three months. It is confidently expected that the membership of the school will be largely increased.

## Christian Fellowship.

Monday and Tuesday of this week the pastors, a number of them, of S. E. Mississippi, were in conference at Hattiesburg. My heart is still redolent with the joyous fellowship of the meeting. To hear the brethren tell their experiences in the Lord's service and see how God had been manifestly with them, how they had proven His promises, the growing confidence with which they trust all their interests to Him, is truly good for the soul. It was a mountain-top experience. I must have grown in grace, anyhow I have been thinking of the value of brotherly love since I parted from the brethren. And I do believe it is one of the greatest blessings that life is heir to, having membership in such a brotherhood.

Does this world contain anything you would exchange Christian love for? How gently and graciously God leads His children on. May I illustrate with some personal experiences? Next to my conversion, the most momentous event in my life came in solitude. I was sitting on a fallen tree near the head of a ravine that stretched away into a steep hollow the sloping sides of which were dotted with dogwoods just now in bloom. I was some half a mile from the old home where father and mother had laid down in their last long sleep, and I was only a sojourner here where my youth had passed into manhood's estate. I sat and meditated. The ever recurring subject, "Shall I enter the ministry?" lay heavy on my heart. To do so, meant poverty, privation, depreciation, indifference and even contempt from many. But God required it at my hands. Under the foregoing circumstances I made the surrender, and found a sweet joy in submission. My after-experience has been much like this legend: "When birds were first made they had no wings; God made wings and put them down before the birds saying 'Come, let us take up these burdens and bear them.' The birds obedient to their Master took up the wings in their beaks and laid them on their shoulders to bear them; the wings rapidly growing to their shoulders, lifted them into joyful flight." What I regarded as a burden that memorable spring day, has brought me joy inexpressible. It has brought my life in touch with more good Christians than it would have been the case otherwise. I have a greater fellowship, my heart is enlarged! I must pass by the joy of the service here.

There was another experience. After I had been four years pastor my health failed, my Dr. said I needed at least six months' rest, before preaching again. The future was dark, I had struggled some years already with bad health and felt like this break down was final. I must give up the hope of a life joyous in service. But I must not hinder where I cannot help, so I must resign that another may do the work I can't do. This I did. The church tabled the resignation, voted me a vacation for "as long as necessary," saying, "when you are able to come back to your work we will be waiting for you," then placing a

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good purse in my hand the deacon said, "be off!" God bless those people. Some of them are in heaven, and some of them may read these lines. If so, I want them to know that they put sunshine in my soul that day and it shines undimmed with a special love for them. I verily believe that if the Brooksville church had accepted my resignation, it would have ended my career. I was in the valley of despair. How their sympathy and love as expressed therein reached down in my soul and kindled anew the flame of hope.

If these people feel that towards me, I must strive to be worthy of it, and yet do something for my Lord, who has done so much for me. God came to me and spoke words of hope and love through His dear saints that day.

There are other experiences, some of them too sacred to write down here, whose memories stir my soul with joyous fellowship.

Brethren, let us love one another, even in spite of faults, which we all do have. Then let us try to make ourselves so lovely that it will be easy for God's people to love us. Christian love is a conclusive evidence of our acceptance with God: "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." And we may grow and should grow in this grace, even John the beloved could not have written his epistle of love that first day he dwelt with Jesus by the Jordan. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Yours in Christian fellowship,  
J. P. WILLIAMS.

## Sabinal, Texas.

We are now in Southwest Texas, half way between San Antonio and Mexico at Hondo City. Twenty miles from here we had a fine meeting with Bro. Stark; 25 united with the Baptist Church, a large part of the people at Hondo are Germans and Mexicans. The climate out here is just lovely, like spring, all sunshine and no rain, beautiful. Hunting is specially fine. The water holes are covered with Ducks, Quails, Doves and Ducks are the game we get to eat at this place. I made a fine wing shot with a bunch of ducks yesterday. How beautiful to see them tumble. Then what a time we have getting them out of the water. About twelve miles from here up in the Canon are turkey deer, panther, ducks and all sorts of game. The Lord is blessing our labors at this place, several have been converted already and 6 have united with the church. I have only been here three days. We hope for a good meeting. I trust the dear old Mississippi folks will have a gracious year in all the work. Love to all.

SID WILLIAMS.

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## Norwood, La.

I began my work with this church the second Sunday in this month. I succeed Rev. E. F. Lyon, who goes to Natchez, Miss. "This is one of the best churches in

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and we are encouraged to "go forward."

Push up the figures on THE BAPTIST with the money enclosed. It helps us to lead and we try to keep it *ahead* so that it may be in position to lead.

The Lord help us to make this the greatest year in the history of Mississippi Baptists.

AUSTIN J. THAMES.

## Columbus.

Have been on my new field with Southeast Church, this place since January 1st. Am well pleased thus far. There is no end to the work needed to be done here, yet we are very hopeful and expectant that God will use us and the little flock with which we labor to the accomplishment of great good in His name.

There are many Baptists in this part of the city who have not yet attached themselves to the church here but hold their membership out in the country where they moved from, or have their letters in their trunks. If these can be induced to unite with us we can, no doubt, double our membership during the first six months, which we hope to be able to do, God being with us.

We shall labor as best we can and look to him for results. We have a membership of only fifty-two. Have just raised a debt of one hundred and fifty dollars off our church building and have about as much more to raise before we are clear of debt, that we expect to do right soon. Then we have to paint our house and put in new pews, which we hope to be able to do between now and summer.

We are glad to find the members of the First Church, this city, interested in our work and liberal in their contributions towards it. Already we are beginning to feel toward Bro. A. J. Miller, pastor of that church, as a son towards his father, and if I were not afraid Bro. M. would see this squib I would say I love him very much.

So far as I know three of the churches that I gave up to come here are without pastors. In each of these churches there are some who are "Israelites indeed in whom there is no guile," and I trust that God, if He has not already done so, will shortly send them undershepherds. The churches I have reference to are Bethel, thirteen miles northeast of West Point; Siloam, six miles northwest of West Point, and Mayhew, eight miles south of West Point. I was pastor at Siloam three years and must say that they have one failing, that is they always pay their pastor more than they promise. After I arrived at this place they sent me a barrel of fine home made Louisiana molasses, which was very highly appreciated. The other two I pastored only one year each, but can say as surely that some of God's own chosen are in them and may God bless and guide them all to his own glory.

Respectfully,  
A. T. CAMP.

## Bellefontaine.

I have been in the clutches of "Old Grippe" since Christmas day. I am now

convalescing, and hope soon to be well again. Four weeks have passed since I have been able to visit any of my churches; yet the work of the Lord goes right on.

On last Sabbath my good people at New Hope took their collection for foreign missions amounting to \$17.60. Dear Bro. Wilson was there and preached the blessed Gospel of Christ to them. This same church, so full of the Spirit of Christ, gave \$10.00 for missions and \$5.00 to Mississippi College in November, and paid their pastor's salary in full in December. Noble people.

My churches all contributed to the relief of the debt on the Orphan's Home in November, and now, thank God, dear Bro. Carter tells us the debt is paid. A noble people are the Baptists of Mississippi.

May pastors and churches do more for God and for the salvation of the world this year than they ever did before.

You are giving us such a good, lovable, soul-helpful paper. How I do appreciate its weekly visits. May all the Baptists of Mississippi love THE BAPTIST, work for it, take it, pay for it and read it.

May God bless you and all who help to make THE BAPTIST what it is. When I can help you command me.

Yours in much love,  
A. B. HICKS.

## An Appeal.

Please allow me through the columns of THE BAPTIST to make an earnest appeal to our beloved brotherhood of the dear old Baptist Zion throughout the State in the behalf of the little church in the town of Fentress on the Aberdeen branch of the C. R. R. This little church has been struggling for many years, at times hope almost despaired of, but the time has come when the cause demands a larger and a more commodious house, occupying as they are an old dilapidated house, and they have determined, by the help of the Lord, to rise up and build. They have secured a lot in a very desirable part of town and hope soon to let the contract, and I, as their humble pastor, make an earnest appeal in their behalf. Brethren, hear me. Brother pastors, hear. Help this little struggling band and thereby help in lifting the burdens of those that are weak, thereby honoring God with your substance. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Bro. pastors, lay the matter before your people and ask them for an offering.

We borrowed Miss Willie Holder from Dr. Venable to teach music and she is doing good work in the Sunday school and Church. We sent you Deacon McAllister to look after the country's interest at the New State House. Tell Pastor Varborough to look after him. E. F. Ballard and family of Tupelo, the missionaries of commerce of Southeast Mississippi, is a business factor in our work.

At Hiwanee, the church organized last summer, the Sunday-school and church are growing.

E. B. McLean was for a long time a member of the St. Frances Street Church, Mobile, and he is one of the splendid leaders in the field of usefulness. They make a monthly contribution to the Orphanage in the school.

Shady Grove, the church at Stafford Springs, has paid for the new house and organ and promises to do more for missions this year. So you see Bro. Editor we are "preaching ourselves" not altogether like "the green bay tree" but we hope to flourish. The Lord has been good to us whereof we are glad. The brethren remembered us substantially Christmas

ago the couple, who had lived together for years and had accumulated considerable property, decided to separate over some trivial matter. The woman sued for a divorce, and it was granted. In the division of the property which followed, the home in Denison came into the possession of the husband. Now, the wife took a notion that she didn't want to move out of the home, and so she made a proposition to her divorced husband that he should rent the property to her. The husband agreed, on the condition that she rent him room in the house and allow him to board with her. The divorced wife agreed. The arrangement has proven satisfactory. She pays her former husband \$12.50 a month rent. He pays his former wife \$15 for board and room, and they get along finely so the neighbors say.—Ex.

## Notice.

I have turned over my work in Gloster and Zion Hill to Bro. J. R. Johnston. Whatever may be said, good or bad, of the Gloster Church, I can say they are true blue in more respects than one. They have not only paid me every dollar they promised for the last five years, but are God's own. Zion Hill is in debt to me only \$14. I am sure the last dollar of that was paid, or raised, last Sunday.

Wife and I have located in Meridian for rest for a short while. Had the pleasure of meeting, this morning, the pastors of the city in their conference. I feel somewhat unnatural just now, for the reason it is the first time I have been idle for 18 years. I believe very much in the will of God. 1. Will of decree. 2. Will of command. 3. Will of desire. I am very sure we cannot effect God's will of decree, but His will of command and desire is often trampled upon by men. It is a fearful thing in my judgment to go blindly into matters without asking earnestly to know the will of God. The question with every one of us, in what we have done, all we have tried to do and have failed, have I been willing for the will of God to be done and not my own? If I have not then I am fighting against God. I want to send you an article for publication soon. If it shall be found by you not worthy of a place in the paper, why put it in the bottom of the waste basket.

W. S. CULPEPPER,  
Meridian, Miss., Jan. 9, 1904.

## About Answers to Invitations.

Many persons are ignorant on the points of etiquette that relate to the answering of invitations. Frequently, on account of uncertainty as to the proper time or wording of a reply one is made to appear rude, when such was far from the intention. Like all the prescribed forms of good manners, these are based on the principles of courtesy and considerateness toward others. The rules are simple, but in certain details invariable, and anyone who wishes to move in good circles must thoroughly understand them. In The Deliector for February there is an article on the subject that can be consulted with entire confidence as to its reliability.

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The Peace of the Spirit.  
BY REV. ARTHUR S. BURROWS.

There is a Jewel that no world's mine can buy,  
No chemic art can counterfeit;  
It makes men rich in greatest poverty,  
Makes water wine, turns wooden cups to golden,  
The homely whistle to sweetest music's strain;  
Natural to none, 'tis sent by heaven's grace;  
Much in little, all in naught—the gift of peace.

It was the final earthly gift of Jesus Christ. To his disciples He said, Peace unto you; my peace I give unto you; let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid. Ever since, the fruit of His Spirit among His disciples has been peace. Do you ask, What is the peace of the Spirit? It is the love of God resting within the soul; it is the calm of the faith which cometh by Christ Jesus; it is steadfast obedience and trust under the gracious smile of our heavenly Father.

This fruit of the Holy Spirit is the peace of God, the Governor of the universe, who cares for grasses and birds and little children. It is the peace of Christ, the Son of God, whom human enmities could not suppress, whose love for sinners death could not quench, whose Cross is our reconciliation with God and our hope of immortality. The peace of the Spirit is not of this world, nor can the worldly know it. It does not dwell in outward things, but springs eternal within the humble heart and contrite spirit. It does not exempt from human suffering; but it preserves from the bitterness of pain; our sorrows turn to our salvation, and help to keep us steadfast in the faith. The fruit of the Spirit is peace.

The peace of the Spirit is one of God's miracles in a life which He is saving. A youth, bright with sweetness and un-crossed by care, came into the path of life. A figure clad in dullness, with half-hidden stern face, but with eyes that shone with kindness and patience, met him, and laid in his arms a burden, saying, Thy Mother Life bade me give it thee; bear it faithfully. Because the youth's heart was light, the burden seemed light; he bore it easily, with free step and cheerful song. As he went he met many others with burdens of their own, going steadily on in one way. Still others he met, who flitted across his pathway, unsteadily it seemed to him; and when he observed, he saw that they had no burden to carry. Some stopped to say alluring words about pleasure and success; but when he observed again, he saw that they strayed about as fancy led, they knew not whither. The youth kept on, nor left the one straight way. It was not always smooth, but sometimes stony; nor always pleasant but often brambles and entangling vines annoyed him. Sometimes songs and careless laughter floated to him from the wild-flowered fields that were on either side, and made him long for ease from care. After awhile his step lost its spring, so that he went slowly; but ever steadily, with now a tear mingled in song. The road was steep in places, but he buckled his burden closer, and bent his head in pa-

tient endurance. A certain joy suffused his countenance, and as he looked ahead, gladness shone in his eye. He had become accustomed to his burden; long bearing had given him strength. One day, as he rested on the hillside, a Presence met him, whose light was surpassing, whose eyes were full of tenderness, whose voice was gentle and constraining. The Presence said, I and thy burden are one; in bearing thy burden, thou hast found me; having me, thou art able henceforth to help thy brother bear his burden. Into the heart of the Man there came a perfect calm. He went on his way overshadowed by almighty wings, and an everlasting arm beneath him.

The fruit of the Spirit of God is peace. Have we the peace? Hereby know we that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. It is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the truth. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. Here is rest; here is unity in character; here is no discord between justice and obedience. The Spirit of God bears living peace within the heart; that heart has become the habitation of God.

The world gives what is thought to be peace. The glazed surface of a lake in a cavern; but that is stagnation. The unmove quiet of stones fallen from the mountain side but that is lifelessness. The undisturbed ease of the self-satisfied mind; but that is moral torpor. The languidity of unruffled indifference; but that is disease of apathy. The conscience that is painless under its weight of trespasses and sins; but that is mortality in fatal extreme.

The peace of the Spirit is life with endurance, patience with struggle, conquest with self mastery, hope with imperishable assurance. The peace of God rules the heart that is stayed on Him. Temptations will assail; outrages from the wicked may come; allurements of worldliness will seek to captivate. Samson will be seduced by Delilah; Solomon will succumb to wine and revelry; Peter will be beaten by a mocking damsel. Who shall overcome the world and the flesh and the Devil? Those who walk by the Spirit shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Those whom the Spirit leads are free from the law. Those whose mind is set on Christ the Savior will God keep in perfect peace.

Are sorrows the greatest evil in this life? They disappoint and afflict us; they be-reave us into loneliness; they bear unto us upon their dark wings the danger of unbelief and despair. What but the peace of God can rescue us? For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline. The fruit of the Spirit is within the troubled mind. He says, I will not in any wise leave you comfortless; I will come unto you. Yet we complain of home cares, and business distractions, and trying children, and vexatious neighbors. Nervous depression unsettles us. But what great things some of you have done and have endured; shall little matters distress too much? The circus manager asked, What's all that row about in the dressing

tent? O the man that walks barefoot on the swords has just run a splinter into his foot.

Scientists tell us that microbes are by no means an unmixed evil. "They help us to live more than they help us to die. They consume our waste materials, flavor our foods, enable digestion, and assist in healing our wounds. Bad microbes bring disease, but good microbes are ministering angels. They flourished long before man, whose body is a veritable botanical garden, literally filled with microbes. If we would, we cannot sterilize the earth, the air, the water, nor our bodies. We should not be normal, nor healthful, nor happy. There is too much hysteria over bacteria; it is a hobby toward lunacy. If the body be right, it will be on good terms with its microbial guests. The healthy body will also overcome its wicked microbes." If the soul be right with God, it will easily adjust itself to uncomfortable but unavoidable conditions; and it will overcome its wicked microbes.

## Two Questions for "Orthodox Corner."

Orthodoxy is a real friend to all men. Therefore, I am not presumptuous in thinking very earnestly of "Orthodox Corner" as my friend, and as such calling on him for help.

A while gone the venerable J. A. Hackett, in reporting the T. T. Martin meeting in Meridian, related that people said they "never heard the gospel put as Martin put it, but that he proved it by the Scriptures." To this report Brother (or Sister) "Orthodox Corner" denigrated saying that either Brother H. overstated it or that the preachers in Meridian had not preached the truth. It follows that if the preachers in Meridian had preached the truth and then if a man had found something "new" in his preaching, that "new" thing would not have been true. This criticism of "Orthodox Corner" brought to mind the relation of my first Christian experience. The saintly Jesse Woodall, who had been my mother's pastor for twenty years, asked me if the gospel was not *new* to me—if the Bible itself did not seem a *new* book to me, etc. It seemed in those days like they expected that old things should have passed away and all things should have become new to the believer. Not so now. According to "Orthodox Corner," if people find anything "new" even in the gospel, it shows that either the preachers had not preached the truth theretofore or that the preacher is not now preaching the truth. This position bewildered me, for who am I that I can gainsay an "orthodox corner." A statement from an orthodox corner settles absolutely every thing for its section.

But I have recently had a peculiar experience. I conducted religious worship before a congregation of students and teachers. At its conclusion some college graduates came forward with exclamations on the "newness" of the interpretation of the Scriptures. One had heard that interpretation by one man only some three years before, and enjoyed it. Another had only

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heard it once before, by a reputed "crank" or "heretic," but was about to become a convert to it, etc. The deliverance of "Orthodox Corner" passed through my mind. What must I do! I could not "turn down" the great preaching—Baptist preaching—that these college-bred people had heard, yet I must do that or give up the ministry—a precious service that I felt that God himself had laid on my heart! Or I must go on preaching that "new" gospel contrary to "Orthodox Corner." Just then an aged educator, who himself had delivered diplomas to students who became great college presidents, clasped my hand, and, drawing me close to him as he drew himself close to me, said tenderly but very earnestly: "I see you stand by the old theology!" My, how it swept me! As I turned to leave the auditorium another acting college president, with eyes bright with joy, said, "The old gospel is sweet yet, Brother Cooper!" You see my predicament—tell me plainly the way out. I don't want to build on any but my own inherited estate.

Again, standing, as all established corners do, at that point about which petty surveyors fumble and greedy men jumble; standing, as all "orthodox corners" do, unmoved and unmovable, is it not your candid opinion that some people have strained a point or two, not to say a *consciousness* or two, to get some accusations, and hold those accusations, against some of God's servants? I ask this question in all godly sincerity, dear Brother (or Sister) "Orthodox Corner," and believe an answer right up from your soul as God sees it will do you good and will do good to souls who will read your answer.

In good hope behind the Blood,  
R. A. COOPER.

Pontotoc, Miss.

## Encouraged and Hopeful.

My field is indeed a mission field. But there are signs of progress for the encouragement of all who pray and labor and give for the development of this rich country in the behalf of our Lord Jesus. While there are many clouds in the sky of hope, yet it is not altogether gloomy; now and then the sun lights up our pathway and we go on rejoicing. So it is even now. Yesterday a week ago while we were in the midst of our message a blind man rose up in the audience and came straight to the preacher and with trembling voice expressed a desire to live for Christ. During last week we spent about two hours with him after the manner of our Saviour with the Samaritan woman. Yesterday he came and told the church that he believed on Jesus and was satisfied because God said they that believe on him shall never perish. He was received as a candidate for baptism; and at the same time eight new members were received by letter. This is encouraging. "The poor have the gospel preached to them and the angels rejoice over one sinner that repented."

Again, our congregations, while still small, are steadily increasing. Our Sunday School is also looking up somewhat.

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The pastor is superintendent, and teacher, etc.

We are building a neat pastorum of five rooms, which will greatly strengthen the work at this place. The church is too weak to do much toward it, but they gave some and two friends of the pastor have offered help; and the balance has been advanced by a good brother in Greenville to be returned by myself in monthly installments as if paying rent.

With gratitude to God, whose we are and whom we serve,

R. C. BLALOCK.  
Gunnison, Miss., Jan. 18th, 1904.

## "We Shall Know Each Other."

By Rev. W. T. Abbott, once of Holmes Co., Miss., now of Texas.]

Shall we know our friends above?  
I think we'll know them all;  
For we shall know as we are known,  
And know them great and small.  
The rich man knew old Abraham,  
And Lazarus, and his breast;  
And Abraham knew the rich man too  
And all his wicked past.  
And Peter on the holy mount  
Knew Moses, and he knew  
Elijah, and both their names,  
And we shall know them too.

H. F. S.

## Resolution.

WHEREAS, the State Board of Baptist State Convention, has so readily and cordially responded to our application for help to support our pastor, Rev. L. E. Hall, and maintain our work in this community, and but for the help which has been so cheerfully, and we believe so wisely given, we could not have attained the success which is evident in our advance during a period of two years, from a single afternoon Sunday's service to three fourths of a resident pastor's time. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Baptist Church of Scranton in conference assembled, do hereby tender our State Mission Board and its Secretary, Bro. A. V. Rowe, our sincere thanks for the same.

Done by order of the Church in conference on the day and date above mentioned.

L. E. HALL, Mod.  
F. M. APPERSON, C. C.

## Heavenly Converse.

By Rev. W. T. Abbott, once of Holmes Co., Miss., now of Texas.]

And can we talk with them above,  
So many unknown tongues?  
Yes, on the day of Pentecost  
That ev'ry thing was done.  
Though men may speak a thousand tongues,  
Beneath the shining sun.  
The Spirit can all unify,  
And make in heaven but one.  
I think we'll talk with ancient saints,  
With Noah, Job and Paul—  
With Moses and Melchizedek,  
Isaiah, Daniel—all.

H. F. S.

## The Change.

A stay of twenty years at one place makes us feel much at home. In fact the

ground and trees become almost sacred as we look upon them year after year for so long a time. Association binds us to the place we have called home. Such was our experience in leaving Gillsburg, dear old village, the scene of many struggles and triumphs. When I remember the fine meetings and brilliant commencements we had at Gillsburg, together with the large number of young people we baptized, in the rippling waters of old "Ticklawn," I almost wish I could live over those years again. But alas! all things earthly change under the touch of time and we must adjust ourselves to new conditions. Bro. Joseph Jacob, late of Centerville, succeeds me at Gillsburg and surrounding country. He is a good young man and a promising preacher, and my best wishes are with him and the people, both for church and school. Prof. T. E. Morris and his assistants are Baptists, and are worthy of confidence and patronage.

We have received a cordial welcome at Magnolia, already the home of two Baptist preachers viz: pastor J. E. Thigpen and J. H. Lane. We have "joined the church" and hope to be useful. There are several prominent Baptist families here, with whom it was my pleasure to labor in other days.

As has already been stated, my work this year will be with the Summit and East Fork churches, half time each. We have made a fairly good beginning at Summit, considering the winter weather. The congregations last Lord's day were encouraging and one was received by letter. New officers were elected for this year and Mrs. Dr. Simmons was re-elected organist. The church has a good membership, consisting of professional men, merchants and others, besides faithful women. It is here that Dr. J. R. Sample has lived for many years, whose ready pen has contributed much to the cause of religion. Brethren Anding and Hatch also have their homes in Summit, with work elsewhere.

East Fork, a church of ante-bellum days, the stamping ground of pioneer preachers and early settlers, has some faithful saints and gives me good congregations. It is a church of great possibilities, if we could reach and develop the large membership. We enter upon the work of the new year, trusting, praying and hoping.

The Lord bless the editor, the paper, and all the Baptist family in Mississippi.

T. C. SCHILLING.

Magnolia, Miss., January 21st.

Colonel George R. McClellan died at his home near Bristol on the night of the 12th. He served as colonel in both the Mexican and the civil war. He was at the battle of Shiloh when General Albert Sydney Johnston fell mortally wounded, and ministered to his needs in his dying moments. Within a fortnight an honorable trio of ex-Confederate officers have passed from the activities of men. Soon the old veterans will all be on the other side of the river. Who does not honor the names of Longstreet, Gordon and McClellan? What this year may put on record in various ways is all wisely veiled from our vision; but, if we walk in the fear and service of our God, all will end well. May our purposes, motives and efforts all be right in the sight of "Him whose we are and whom we serve."

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## That Preacher's Conference

On Monday morning at 4 o'clock on the 18th inst., we boarded the G. & S. I. train for Hattiesburg, to meet with the brethren composing the Preacher's Conference of Southeast Mississippi. In due time we reached Hattiesburg and soon began to mingle with the brethren. At the appointed hour, the meeting was formally opened with prayer. J. H. Williams, of Silver Creek, presiding. M. J. Derrick was made Secretary. The writer was called upon to conduct the devotional exercises. A very profitable hour was spent, nearly all present participating. There were about fifteen ministers present and some laymen.

After a recess of two hours for dinner, the conference reassembled. The subject was ministerial consecration. Rev. T. D. Bush, of Collins, led in the discussion, most of the attendants participating. It was a great meeting, full of pathos, earnest resolutions and strong speeches. The entire afternoon was devoted to this question and we are quite sure much good was accomplished. The preachers in this section of the State are a noble lot of men. They are praying and planning for great things for God. They are earnest, self-sacrificing men, just such as God will surely bless.

At night, Rev. J. P. Williams preached a strong and satisfactory sermon on the Inspiration of the Scriptures as it has ever been our privilege to listen to. It was both Scriptural and logical, and well delivered. He contends for the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, and he showed both from Scripture and reason that this is the correct theory. It was very pleasant to meet Brethren Trott and Derrick and their noble wives together, with many other noble brethren and sisters. We had the honor of entertainment in the homes of Brethren F. F. Phillips and Abner Polk and their excellent families. The work in Hattiesburg seems to be moving on nicely and all the pastors in the meeting brought encouraging news from their fields.

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We had to leave on Tuesday morning and cannot write about what was done on the second day, but feel sure it was a good day.

### The Baptist Cause in New Orleans.

One cannot visit New Orleans and view it from a religious standpoint without being impressed with its great needs and possibilities. This great city of the South, and destined to be much greater, has been priest ridden from its founding to this present time. The overshadowing of Catholicism has been a great discouragement to Baptist effort.

The Baptists have always been comparatively weak here. But a better day seems to be dawning now. Outside of the fact, that for several years the Baptist cause has slowly but steadily been going forward, there are two reasons for the belief that better things are near at hand.

The first is the splendid harmony and unity that are at present prevailing. There seems to be a strong pull and a pull all along the lines for advancement and enlargement in Baptist affairs. This harmonious co-operation has not always existed among Baptists in New Orleans. The next is, the eyes of so many prominent men in our ranks, are turned upon New Orleans, as possibly never before. This means a more hearty enlistment of the Home Board for New Orleans. No prophetic acumen is keen enough to foresee the effect of the Panama Canal upon the Crescent City. All things seem ripe for a steady and vigorous move. Some prominent men, and among them Dr. T. T. Eaton, of the Recorder, have recently visited New Orleans, and are very much impressed with the importance of immediate enlargement of our forces there.

There are in this whole city of 300,000 inhabitants only five white Baptist churches. This would give an average of 60,000 people to the church. The churches are: Valence Street, R. W. Merrill, pastor; Coliseum Place, Gilbert Dobbs, pastor; First Church, C. V. Edwards, pastor; St. Charles Street, A. E. Remer, pastor; North Side, H. M. Crane, pastor. These are all strong and aggressive men. But they are so few compared with the great destitution in this old city.

### Notes and Comments.

F. M. Law, in Baptist Standard, has this to say about Bryan, Texas, and its new pastor, Rev. G. B. Butler:

"Dr. Gambrell is a prophet. He told our church that if Bro. Butler became our pastor one of two things would happen: either the church would move or he would; the former has happened. Our people are much pleased with Bro. Butler. New life has been infused into every department of church work under his direction. The Sunday School has nearly reached 200 in actual attendance; at prayer meeting we have about 100 present, and at the preaching services, morning and night, the house is well filled. The new pastor has started a teachers' meeting; organized

a large and flourishing B. Y. P. U., and Mrs. Butler has charge of the younger children in the form of a Sunbeam Band. There have been two conversions recently and others have united with us by letter. Bro. Butler impresses all with his tireless energy, his great sincerity and earnestness; and in addition to being an able preacher is a good organizer.

The church has formally launched into the building of a new house, to cost \$25,000. Committees have the matter in charge and actual work is expected to begin in April.

The time was when the Bryan Church was counted one of the strongest in the State; we are getting back to that. To God be all the praise!"

By an accident this letter fell into our hands, and as it contains a most beautiful expression of remembrance and gratitude, by permission, we publish it, hoping that it may provoke others to similar deeds:

ORA, MISS., DEC. 31ST, 1903.  
MR. T. E. H. ROBINSON:

OUR DEAR BELOVED PASTOR:—I will this evening write just a few words to you and enclose a check to you for ten dollars and ten cents. I hope you will get this all O. K., as a new year present from the sisters of Salem Baptist Church to our never forgotten pastor. I got most all this before Christmas but didn't get to see near all and just kept it for a new year present. We just sent it as a present for you to use as you like best. I got it up but failed to see all the sisters. I never got up anything that so near all wanted to give something. I will put the money in the bank and send you a check as it will be safer.

Love to you and your family with the richest of God's blessings and a happy new for you all.

Your beloved sister in Christ,  
MABEL ROGERS.

Last Sunday was a good day with the saints at Winona. The Sunday school was large, and Superintendent Flake was happy. At 11 o'clock Pastor Rosamond preached a strong sermon, to a full house. His theme was the duty of attending church and taking our children with us. At 3 p.m., Miss Bankston had a delightful Junior Union, with 20 in the class. At 6:30 Deacon Watts conducted a very profitable B. Y. P. U. meeting. Psalms 37 and 73 were studied by a large class.

At 7:30 the pastor preached to a good audience. The pastor requested the church to pray for "a lost world" this week, and make a special offering for Foreign Missions next Sunday. There have been four additions to the church this year.

Pastor Price assisted Bishop Leavell in the ordination of a deacon at Pelahatchie last Sunday morning; and, in his absence, Bro. Holcomb, of the college, occupied the pulpit of the Second Church, preaching a sermon that called forth much praise from the congregation.

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Rev. W. A. Whittle, whom many Mississippians know, is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind. The report is that his work there is moving on nicely.

This office will be under obligation to any one who will send THE BAPTIST of July 9, 1903. The other number called for was promptly sent, and we return thanks to the sender.

Pastor Cooper writes: "Rejoice with us. Canton Church advanced in contribution to Foreign Missions more than twenty-five per cent. over any previous offering, giving \$94.25, which is several dollars over one dollar per capita. I thank the Lord and take courage."

Bro. E. R. Osborne, of New Albany, writes: "On field for one month. Fine church, noble people, magnificent pastorum. Everything encouraging. Many nice presents to wife and me. I love THE BAPTIST better than ever before. It grows in its splendid grasp of the needful things of God's kingdom."

Rev. J. A. Maples, the Texas apostle of temperance in Texas, has provided himself with a large automobile, and believes that he can cover two-thirds of Texas in the temperance work. He is one of the very best we have heard anywhere. We bid him God-speed in the much-needed work.

The number of students matriculated in Mississippi College to date is 3,800, with others to be in within a few days. Everything moving splendidly, except some interruption caused by the epidemic of measles. It is hoped that this will soon be over, and that everything will resume its normal condition.

The London Baptist has made several changes. It comes out in an enlarged form. It goes from 16 to 20 pages. It is printed on heavier paper, and presents a better appearance generally. It is cut and pasted. This is a very decided improvement to Americans, though it deprives the Englishman of the luxury of cutting the pages. The page is narrower, but still, with the addition of the four pages, it contains more reading matter.

Rev. B. G. Haman has settled at Winona and is pastor of Salem, Nebo, Mission, and Bethlehem churches. These four good churches are all near Winona and make a desirable pastorate. Bro. Haman is a strong preacher and will make a good pastor for these churches. We hope he will be well supported. We shall expect to hear good reports from this field. Why don't more of our country churches combine and call a pastor for all his time?

Prof. W. J. Taylor, our long time friend, having left the profession of teaching, and later of farming, this week ascends the editorial tripod of the Winona Times. The work was too heavy for one man, and so

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the outgoing editor, Mr. Williams, takes charge of the business management, and Prof. Taylor assumes absolute control editorially. There were two papers, but one has suspended, leaving for The Times a clear deck and clear sky. We expect The Times to reach a high point of efficiency in its service for its constituency. We welcome Prof. Taylor to the editorial fraternity.

The Argus is out in advocacy of a Pan-Baptist Conference, and suggests the sending of four brethren to London to participate in this conference. It also suggests that we might be of some help to English Baptists in the greatest fight of the century. It impresses us that there is a good deal in his suggestion. It has also been suggested that Drs. Frost, Willingham and Gray would be very suitable men for our representatives, to which we agree.

The First Baptist Church of Gloster has a Home Department of 66 members in their Sunday School. These 66 members studied 669 lessons and contributed \$3.95 to the work during the last quarter of 1903. Many of these are mothers who are kept at home on account of small children. Some are invalids or "shut-ins," while some are able to go to the Sunday School and it is hoped and confidently expected they will be induced to do so.

Bro. E. B. Miller, West Point, writes: "I send as a bit of news that I have been invited to supply for the Brooksville Church during my vacation, and a more noble people I have never ministered to in the gospel. Bro. Allen wrought well and left the church in fine condition financially and spiritually. They are the salt of the earth—these Brooksville saints."

We welcome Bro. R. S. Gavin, of Meridian, to the evangelistic ranks and pray the Lord's good will upon him and his work."

Dr. Mullins says that prospects are bright for a compromise of the Bartlett will case in which the Seminary is interested. The exact terms cannot yet be made public. We hope to get the greater part of the amount that was to come to us, though we will have to sacrifice a considerable sum. I ought to say that whatever we get from this suit will only be the merest beginning of a supply of the needs of the Seminary. We ought to have \$200,000.00 all told, and \$100,000.00 in the near future.

The editor made a hasty trip to Winona this week. He had entertainment in the home of our big hearted Secretary, Dr. Rowe and his hospitable family and his old college mate and esteemed friend and brother, Prof. W. J. Taylor. Many old friends were met and some new ones made. Pastor Rosamond and Superintendent Flake were found full of work and happy and hopeful. A belated train afforded an opportunity of meeting with the city preachers' conference, which is composed

of all resident ministers of all denominations in the city, and meets weekly. The religious outlook in the town seems to be good. The ministerial body in the town impresses one favorably. Pastor Rosamond will take his annual foreign mission collection next Lord's day, and is looking for a higher figure than ever before.

The concurrent resolution to amend the State Constitution so as to forbid the traffic in intoxicating liquors in Mississippi was introduced in the Lower House on the 20th inst., and referred to Committee on Constitution.

Let prayer and effort be made for its passage. It would seem that our Legislature will allow the people to express themselves on momentous questions.

The resolution reads as follows:

"Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, two-thirds of each house agreeing thereto, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State be submitted to the qualified electors for ratification or rejection at the next election:

"Section 275—The traffic in or sale of intoxicating liquors or drinks in the State is forever prohibited and no license therefor shall ever be granted. All laws authorizing, providing for or recognizing such traffic are hereby repealed."

"The Legislature shall enact such laws as shall be necessary for the enforcement hereof. The Legislature may, under proper restrictions, authorize the sale of alcohol or spirituous liquors for necessary medicinal or scientific purposes."

Another important constitutional amendment was reported favorably today by the House Constitutional Committee. It is to amend section 85, and provides that the Legislature shall provide by a general law for the working of public roads by contract or by county prisoners or both. Such laws may be put in operation only by the vote of the Board of Supervisors or by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting at an election to be held for the purpose of adopting or rejecting either or both in those counties where it may be desirable.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

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\$11.40.

Chickasaw Association—Mt.  
Pleasant, f m \$15.

Central Association—Anding,  
s m \$30; Rocky Springs, h m 15;  
Vicksburg First Church, f m 94.  
25.

Chester Association—Sturges,  
h m \$1.10.

Chickasahay Association—De-  
Soto, s m \$8.03, h m 5; Mt. Zion,  
h m 7; Shubuta, s m 15; Enter-  
prise, f m 5.50; Quitman W. M.  
U., t m 1.60.

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s m \$6.25; Pleasant Hill, s m 5.

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—Dr. Chapin.

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But aside from the good that

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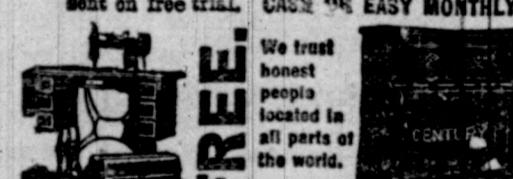
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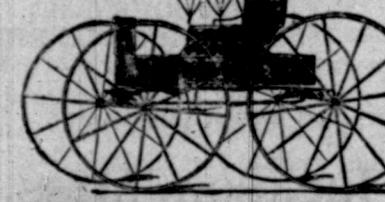


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